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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In July 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Dena Tweten** under which Tweten must cease and desist from the practice of dental hygiene and pay a fine of \$1,000. Tweten, who has no dental hygienist credential, worked as a dental hygienist.

Island County

In August 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Karen L. Carbone** under which Carbone must cease and desist from the practice of naturopathy, and pay a fine of \$500. Carbone, who has no naturopathy credential, advertised herself as a "Doctor of Natural Medicine" and her services as "traditional naturopathy." Carbone has paid the fine in full.

King County

In June 2014 the Agency Affiliated Counselor, Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional programs suspended agency-affiliated counselor, mental health

counselor associate and chemical dependency professional credentials of **Bobbie D. Catton** (CG60131664, MC60210787, CP60074797) for at least one year. Catton was convicted of first-degree criminal impersonation in 2013.

In June 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Philiph K. Lagat** (NA60078365) for at least ten years. Lagat cared for a vulnerable adult with dementia who lost a significant amount of weight, experienced extreme dehydration or malnourishment, and developed several extreme pressure sores. The state Department of Social and Health Services won't allow Lagat to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In June 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credential of **Wondu G. Tanetse** (NA60187481, NC60190437) for at least two years. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Tanetse abused a vulnerable adult while working at a nursing home. He's prohibited from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Guangmei Ke** under which Ke must cease and desist from the practice of massage and pay a fine of \$1,000. Ke, who had no massage credential, offered to provide massage services to a client. Ke obtained a massage credential in November 2014.

In July 2014 the Occupational Therapy Program found occupational therapist **Traci L. Trygg** (OT00003518) subject to oversight reports for one year. If Trygg is employed during this period, her employer must provide quarterly reports verifying timely and accurate charting and billing. Trygg kept inaccurate records involving two patients while employed as an occupational therapist at a rehabilitation facility.

In August 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified medical assistant credential of **Vanessa Morisset** (CM60387315). Morisset had breath alcohol levels of .121 and .128 and a urine sample tested positive for marijuana and morphine while working at a family practice medical clinic.

In August 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Angel C. Perez** (NC10003836) for at least five years. Perez worked at a nursing facility that housed a severely disabled resident. Facility policy required two staff members to be on hand when using a device to lift the resident. Perez attempted to use the device by himself to lift the resident, during which the resident slipped to the floor. The resident sustained a broken femur. Perez didn't report the incident accurately and honestly which delayed correct identification of the resident's injuries. Perez claimed he had assistance in using the device and badgered another worker to support his story. After finding that Perez had neglected a vulnerable adult, the state Department of Social and Health Services will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In September 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional **Robin A. MacNeill** (CP00006229). MacNeill did not comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Pierce County

In August 2014 the Medical Commission suspended the physician's license of **Said Farzad** (MD00044681) for being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of a mental condition. He must submit to a psychiatric evaluation, follow-up with a drug monitoring program in Washington for further assessment, and follow recommendations for treatment if it's indicated. Farzad cannot apply for reinstatement until the monitoring program provides a final assessment to the Medical Commission that indicates Farzad is safe to return to practice.

Skagit County

In June 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Tamara A. Sibley** (NA60208893). While working at an assisted-living facility, Sibley's urinalysis tested positive for controlled substances and legend drugs after a patient's medications couldn't be accounted for and were suspected of being stolen. Sibley also admitted to using heroin.

In August 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing credential of **Leah M. Jones** (NC60014568). Jones hasn't responded to an investigator's inquiry into a complaint that she diverted controlled substances from an assisted living facility where she worked.

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended registered nurse **Nancy K. Rogerson** (RN00160769). Rogerson didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Spokane County

In June 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Theresa A. Wilson** (NA60339631) for at least two years. A vulnerable, developmentally delayed patient called Wilson a racially based epithet during a verbal argument. Wilson struck the patient four times, damaging the patient's eyeglasses. She failed to respond appropriately when she knew the patient had behavioral challenges.

Stevens County

In June 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Arthur S. Figueroa, Jr.** (NC 10039615) for at least two years. Figueroa was investigated in connection with the theft of a wallet belonging to a resident at a long-term care facility where he worked. Figueroa denied being involved. The wallet was found in a van he drove to work.

Thurston County

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended registered nurse **Kathi S. Gibbs** (RN00074299). Gibbs didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program contract.

Whatcom County

In August 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Joseph A. Hansen** (NA60021429) for at least two years. While caring for a severely developmentally delayed client, Hansen yelled profanities at the client, held him against a bathtub wall, and sprayed water in his face. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Hansen abused a vulnerable adult and will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Out of State

California: In June 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Juhui Wang** under which Wang must cease and desist from the practice of massage and pay a fine of \$1,000. Wang, who has no massage credential, provided massage services to a client.

Louisiana: In August 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **William C. Simm** (RN00169704). His registered nurse credential was permanently revoked by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing based on a finding that Simm stole prescription medications prescribed to a hospice patient that had recently died.

Minnesota: In October 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended registered nurse **Caroline C. Rath** (RN00154030). Rath's registered nurse credential was suspended by the Minnesota Board of Nursing for diversion of controlled substances for her own use. Rath may petition for reinstatement of her registered nurse credential in Washington upon full reinstatement of her credential in Minnesota.

Texas: In September 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended registered nurse **Dianne C. Williams** (RN00168540). Her Kansas registered nurse credential was revoked by the Kansas State Board of Nursing when she failed to report the actions against her New Jersey license. The New Jersey State Board of Nursing determined that Williams lied on her registered nurse license renewal application when she indicated that she had no disciplinary actions against her license when, in fact, the Missouri State Board of Nursing had suspended her registered nurse license for failing to file and/or pay state taxes.

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